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Editors' Table.

THE announcement has been made that the chair of History and Political Science is soon to be vacated by the resignation of Prof. Walter E. Howard to accept the consulship at Cardiff, Wales. While we hasten to give our congratulations to the Professor at his good fortune, we cannot but regret that ours is the loss of an eminent and able instructor, and the college that of an earnest and faithful officer. During the three years that Prof. Howard has been with us he has worked hard and faithfully to increase the number of students and his efforts have been rewarded in a marked degree. Within the class-room his students have found him an instructor of practical ideas and advanced methods. As a teacher of political economy he is well versed in all the branches pertaining to the science and fully abreast with the most advanced thought and research of the day. In this new field he will have the hearty interest of a large circle of friends and the best wishes of the UNDERGRADUATE.

THE winter term with its work and possibilities is with us and well begun. It seems as if this is especially adapted for best endeavor and accomplishplishment in study and reading; no longer is one's time and attention taken by athletic affairs and the mind must seek diversion in other channels, and there is none that can present to us a more interesting or enchanting prospect than that which takes us on to make new discoveries and explorations in the realms of literature. We haye an excellent library which presents to us great opportunities for such exploration, but there is probably less than one-half of all students that graduate who read more than a dozen books in their course outside of what they are obliged to in connection with their prescribed work, or who have any adequate conception of the beauty and extent of English and American literature. It is true that by a system now in vogue, and it is a most commendable one, we are required to read, to some extent, the works of an author in connection with a special study of his works, to peruse criticisms and to investigate contemporary history and literature, but the student should go further and beyond this; he should branch off and make wider investigations; let him ramble on through the fields of fiction and realism and he will receive much good and pleasure from it.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION is fast approaching and we suppose those who are to participate in the exercises are, as is generally the case, putting off their work until the last moment. We urge the class to throw aside the usual custom of procrastination in such matters and have their orations written and committed to memory in good season for proper drill and

practice. While they need not be any longer because there is more time spent upon them, they must and will be better, and excellence is a quality to be especially sought after in the Junior Ex. orations and essays. We hope, then, that every member will enter into the work with all diligence, bring before the pub lic his best efforts, and then the coming Junior exhibition may be one of the most successful and praiseworthy in the history of the college.

COMPARATIVELY little fault can be found with the management of the reading room during the last term, but much may be said concerning the conduct of certain students there; however, it carries its own moral with it and should be treated only as a matter requiring discipline. But why must the paper racks be destroyed, the papers thrown about and the periodicals and comic papers removed from the room by certain careless and indifferent students? These things have occurred frequently during the last term in spite of the efforts of the committee. No doubt this will continue to be done until some active measures are taken to prevent it. One remedy might be tried which has proved successful in other college reading rooms; make the room as cheery and as comfortable as possible, hang pictures on the walls, add a number of easy chairs sufficient to accommodate all, and then if any one is guilty of misdemeanor, report and properly fine or punish him. Should such a course be pursued here in Middlebury many of the present difficulties would be removed.

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

THE CLASS OF 1871.

BY REV. F. B. DENIO.

IN September, 1867, there appeared a breezy unconventional class in Middlebury College. In the catalogue, under the motto, "*Leve fit quod bene fertur onus*," were recorded twenty names. Two members were added to the class later in the year than the time of the publication of the catalogue. In the next catalogue two names were dropped which had formerly been there, and one was added beside the two who came late in Freshman year, making twenty-one names under the motto "*Difficultates spernentes vincamus.*" It is not in order to do more than to suggest to memories of the class the jokes which attended the selection of that motto. During this year some of the class studied German in that "Short term" which has long since been obsolete. The consequence was that the seventeen names which appeared for their Junior year were under the motto "*Geniesse des Lebens, aber mit Ehren.*" The class attained to the dignity of a Greek motto in their Senior year, and the list of sixteen names was surmounted with this motto. Only fifteen graduated, of whom thirteen were recorded in the first year. The class came in nearly equal numbers from Vermont and New York. During our history no other class had so full a representation from New York. Several of the New Yorkers came from Potsdam Academy and were therefore free from the somewhat trying necessity of making the acquaintance of each other in the trials of Freshman days before any class sentiment has had time fairly to develop. Still it may be queried whether the result was an unmixed good.

All of the fifteen who graduated are, so far as I know, still living at the end of twenty years. In the meantime it has been my lot to meet with but three of the number, Wilder: who after three years in the West returned to his home in St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he went into business with his father. and where he is still in business; E. E. Smith, Smith the younger and smaller, but alphabetically "Smith 1st," under Prof. Albee, thereby causing a smile at the expense of his older and larger cousin, Hiram; also have I met Mallory, the famous short stop of ancient times, beside whom I sat at the alumni dinner at the fifteenth anniversary of our graduation. He has been an industrious and successful teacher, and I last knew him as teaching in Thetford, Vt. I regret that I have seen none of the others during the past fifteen years.

How should the immortal fifteen be described? There was Bottum, whose grave face concealed while his laughing eyes revealed more roguish mischief than was possessed by any other member of the class. Now he is a lawyer in Milwaukee, and report tells me that he is gathering money, some of which let us hope is for the benefit of Alma Mater. And here let me express my desire that any others who may be getting together the shekels will give themselves the credit of doing something for Alma Mater, and thereby bring an additional distinction to the class name of "'71."

There were "Andy" and "Gid," who came into possession of these elegant names in order that the fact might be concealed that each claimed the patronymic Clark. Divers confusions resulted from this identity of names, one instance of which doubtless still abides in the memory of those who were members of the faculty in the fall of 1868. Andrew was no light weight and bore himself with a degree of stateliness. Gideon, though not lacking in presence, had no superfluous flesh, but may have gained it while practicing law in Chicago. Davenport of the "ambrosial curls," and the handsome member of the class, was so attracted to the members of "71" while the class was crystalizing that he could not wait for an age more mature than fifteen years for his entrance into college. He has had a career in Minneapolis of which rumor brings favorable reports. Graham, the valedictorian, has practised law in Salem, N. Y., these later years. Hall, quiet and industrious, has had a notable career as scientist and educator; is now professor in the University of Minnesota. Howard, of whom all past memories are forgotten in the fact that he is now a professor in our Alma Mater, and is responsible for the authorship of this screed. Mallory of base ball fame, Peck the class poet, Robbins, who had the misfortune not to have begun his college career with us, and therefore never received the hearty fellowship which was fitting, now is a Baptist minister. E. E. Smith, who disputed with the writer the distinction of being the shortest member of the class. Hiram Smith, whose left leg and arm were artificial, for the original limbs were left at Cold Harbor; if there is an error as to the locality will some one rise and correct. Judge Smith of Missouri was recently First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions at Washington. Thompson, who twice carried off sweepstakes prizes for excellence in declamation and oration; as sophomore in competition with all the undergraduate speakers at commencemt season, and later when taking the Ware medal open to the whole class at the time of graduation. Last in order was Wilder, whose name was occasionally imputed to him with emphasis. By the general catalogue of 1890 A. E. Clark was in Des Moines, Iowa; Peck in Potsdam, N. Y., E. E. Smith in Hartford, Conn., the city of insurance, and Thompson in Albany, N. Y.

Giles P. Hawley was with the class three years, graduated at Union College, was professor there, and a Presbyterian minister as well. He died a few years since, and is the only person ever a member of the class of whose death I have heard. Three were members of the class during the first two years, Anderson, Lawrence and Roys. Anderson went to Oberlin College to finish his course, but the measles ruined his eyes and I knew him later as a merchant in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Lawrence was afflicted as most of us were, with lack of funds, and stopped out a year, therefore his name appears in the general catalogue as a member of 1872. Roys went to Northwestern University, graduated, later studied theology, is now a Free Baptist minister in Maine. In 1874–6 I knew him as the pastor of the church of that denomination in St. Johnsbury, Vt., which town was one time the home of four former members of the class of "71." There were four others who belonged to the class during a whole or part of the Freshman year. Fulton and Hepburn completed the year. To me Fulton was a very attractive man, and I had been drawn closer to him than to any one else of the class during the year we were together. I have much regretted that I have never known of his life since he left us. I should gladly learn. My acquaintance with Hepburn was slight. He entered late in the year, and my chief memory of him is that of a person of remarkable agility. I wonder if the Hepburn whose name I see in New York politics is our Alonzo Barton. Ingersol and Palmer did not complete the Freshman year. Ingersol finally graduated in 1873, and is noted in the general catalogue as a Methodist minister. Of Palmer my most marked memory was the fact that Professor Albee called him Pal-mer.

"'71" was a bright class, ambitious even, if not always wise in its ambitions. In close contact with each other, viewing at short range the little things of college, to us the greater things were sometimes obscured or we overlooked them entirely. The class had a spirit such as Hall once described in a class meeting as "bellicose." It is possible that the presence of its three army veterans, G. E. Clark, Hiram Smith and Thompson, may have intensified this disposition. I do not know that they were more belligerent than the average. As a whole the class was always ready for a skirmish with outsiders, and had a surplus ardor which at times could find vent only in antagonisms within itself. I am glad to believe that these antagonisms were not so much personal as constitutional. In the judgment of some, every man of the class ought to have developed into a successful politician, and if success of this sort

has attended any of us it must be due to the careful training which we gave to each other. We had some thing of a class spirit, being proud of the class, believing that it had as much ability as any other class of equal numbers. So far as I can judge the class has done as well in these twenty years as we then anticipated. Perhaps some have done better. While the class had such an *esprit du corps*, there was possible a finer quality of this sentiment which is one of the choicest gifts received from the experience of a class, and this was never known among us. It is worth far more than all the successes which result from struggles for supremacy of any kind in college. Having known it in a class elsewhere, and having watched many classes, I know that we missed our finest possibilities, and probably we carry the marks of that loss to this day. My personal memories of the class are pleasant, though not unmingled with regret. When graduating from college we made no provision for a silver cup nor for any class reunions. From Thompson, who I believe is class secretary, I received a pleasant message soon after graduating, and if this reaches his eye I would appeal to him to stir up the class for a reunion in 1896, our twenty-fifth anniversary.

Those four years are a bright memory, and they grew brighter in the years immediately following during the somewhat chilling plunge into the labor of balancing accounts with creditors. Although the life in college had care and anxieties arising from a scant store of money, it was comparatively free from care, the associations and the intellectual life were bewitching, and the friendships, even if not continued, have a glory all their own. "Sugar Day" seemed to pass into desuetude while "'71" was in college; but the "College Hunt" was originated in our Senior year. My mouth waters to this day at the memory of that royal supper at the Addison House. It was during our Senior year that the chapel took on the form which its recitation rooms now have. We were the last class to recite in the old Senior room, and the first to recite in the present one. It was during our primacy that the old chapel was divided. After our day it was impossible to look out of the windows during chapel exercises and see delinquents hastily dressing in their rooms in Starr Hall so as to get into chapel before it was quite through. Lest prolonged reminiscence should betoken senility, I close.

THE USE OF THE LIBRARY.

BY THE LIBRARIAN.

I HAVE been asked by the editor of the UNDERGRADUATE to write a paper on the best methods of using the college library. If I may be permitted to write rapidly and at random, it is an opportunity I am glad to improve, especially at the beginning of the winter term, when the attractions of campus and country are not so great and the long, cold evenings lend a charm to one's fireside and his book. Beyond question, the winter term in the college year is the season of greatest literary possibility. For many reasons it is the season of greatest loafing possibility as well, which makes it doubly desirable that we enter it on the right tack.

It is a significant and encouraging fact that the library is being used by students far more than it was five years ago. It is of course true that much of the additional reading is required, yet, setting this aside, I am sure that the voluntary reading of good books has grown very much more common. The resulting gain, seen and unseen, cannot fail to be great.

A study of library matters reveals at the outset a very unfortunate feature. Our undergraduates do not get a fair working knowledge of the books at their disposal until just before they are about to leave them. One reason for this has been found in the necessities of our curriculum, now happily changed for the better; a part of the blame I am willing to take myself and shall work in the future for a better state of things. It is my hope that some day every student from freshmen up will study the library, size up its resources, know what it can furnish and what it cannot furnish, and be able on demand to put his hand upon anything it offers.

It is a bad sign when a library has no attractions for an undergraduate. A college course has not given a man all it ought to give him, if it fails to fill him with a scholarly spirit. Better far the spirit of scholarship without the facts than the facts without the spirit; if one has the spirit he may be trusted to find the facts. Now a sure accompaniment of the spirit of scholarship is a love of books. How, indeed, could it be otherwise? They are the medium through which scholarship for the most part works, the depositaries of its results. And so I am always very glad when a student goes wandering here and there through the various floors of the library, putting back one book

and taking down another, in however aimless and desultory a fashion. (Only let him put them back on the shelves he takes them from.) I know it will do him good. There is a virtue in the very atmosphere of books; I wish that each of our students might live in it for at least a few minutes every day.

This, then, is the first suggestion I offer: Make the acquaintance, personally, of the first three floors of the library. Handle the books of every sort, from the curious old black-letter folios to the compacter specimens of more recent make. Till you have learned to love books in a material way, apart entirely from what they may contain, you have missed a wonderful pleasure attaching to a scholar's life. Do you feel at your ease among them? Is there a satisfaction in their very touch? Does it seem as you draw them to you that they are in truth companions? That they have an intelligence, almost, responding to your own? I am certain of a negative answer from some of you, else the books you draw would be spared the outrageous treatment they suffer at your hands. May we not hope for improvement in this regard? One's sense of honor ought to avail, if the literary sense is wanting. It is bad enough to misuse the books you have paid for, but these are not your books. They are merely lent you out of others' bounty and to lessen their working value for those who use them later is a combination of selfishness, dishonesty and ingratitude.

It will further this personal acquaintance which I deem so necessary, if you will cultivate the habit of getting your own books, instead of relying on the librarians. I recommend this practice, not in the interest of those in charge, but for the help it will be to you. Few, I imagine, could locate off-hand with any sort of definiteness Doctor Hamlin's delightful book, "Among the Turks". But it does not follow that one is thrown back helplessly on a librarian. The card-catalogue of subjects will give him its section and shelf under either "Turks" or "Turkey"; the card-catalogue of authors will direct him under "Hamlin"; and the book-catalogue will duplicate the information under each of these heads.

First, then, let us get our bearings. Having done this we shall be better able to avail ourselves of our assets. They are not inconsiderable. In *belles lettres*, criticism and books of reference our supply is exceptionally good; in histories and magazines we are fairly well equipped; and the library is growing as fast as means will permit. I venture the opinion that not once in a year will a subject present itself for undergraduate study upon which our library cannot furnish fairly adequate information. But that information is useless if we are not able to find it; and how few of us know how to go to work—we cannot handle our own few books, to say nothing of the library. Over and over men come to me, distracted through some unavailing search, and all the while the facts they hunt for are lying in the unopened dictionaries on their desks. If indications count for anything, not one student in six has any full conception of the varied stores of information a dictionary contains. A typical case may perhaps be followed to advantage in considering proper methods of library use. Let us suppose a freshman enters with a topic assigned him for investigation; he is to post himself, for illustration, on university life in England and on the continent during the fifteenth century—and he hasn't the glimmering of an idea on anything connected with the subject; when put in comparison with his own estimate of life, the views of Mr. Mantelini are cheerful. But material must be gathered. In getting it together he may proceed in either of two ways—find it himself or let the librarian find it. The former is by far the better way, though I am sure the librarian will gladly help if difficulties are encountered. Let us follow him, then, as he goes to work in an independent fashion. The catalogues are first examined, possibly with poor results; there may be various works on the general university topic, but the phase in question may not be treated. The investigation can next be carried to the encyclopedias. It might be well to start with the Britannica, as the index (vol. xxv.) will open up its entire treatment of the subject, even to incidental paragraphs in articles seemingly foreign. After the cyclopedias have been laid under contribution, the histories of the time may be gleaned. This work is facilitated by the library arrangement, which masses for the most part its various histories of the same country. In the meanwhile, clues will doubtless have become multiplied. Men prominently connected with the university history of that time will have been mentioned, and in going again through catalogues and cyclopedias for detailed accounts of More, Erasmus, Colet and a score of others, much can be added to the facts already found. Magazine articles, too, may prove of decided help. Many of them have been compiled from material gathered in just this way, and

Poole's Index will make available whatever periodical literature on any branch of the subject the library may contain. And so, before he is done with his search, he is deep in related and contributory topics that were unheard of at the outset—biographies of famous men; the story of the Renaissance, of which he has found his subject is but a phase; and I know not how many more. And best of all, he has been growing in more ways than one. While his knowledge of the theme assigned has been broadening as he worked, he has come in an unconscious way to a better knowledge of books; he has learned to handle more deftly what are really the scholar's tools.

Do not suppose I look on this as a trifling piece of work, easy of accomplishment. Not one day nor three will bring its close to our hypothetical freshman. Its very difficulty, though, is proof that he needs the practice, and there is a rare pleasure in this treeing of literary game, which will amply repay his effort. Let him recall, too, that motto in evergreen which spanned the stage when he graduated from the academy. "Through difficulties to the heights," if I remember; or was it "*Nulla excellentia sine magno labore*"?

What to read can be talked of another time; meanwhile, Harrison's "Choice of Books" and Porter's "Books and Reading" are stimulating and full of suggestion.

Obituary.

'31. Ephraim H. Farrar.

EPHRAIM H. FARRAR, a graduate of Middlebury College, class of 1831, died at his brother's home the 12th of August last, at Malone, N. Y., at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Early desiring a liberal edncation, he worked his way through the preparatory schools and finally through Middlebury College, standing well in his class. A genial companion and thorough student, he gained many friends wherever he went. After graduation he taught for some time and was in the service of the American Tract Society. Then afterwards he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Fairfax until 1846, when he commenced the manufacture of fire bricks at Vergennes. He followed this occupation for a number of years, then removed to Malone, where he resided until his death. Out of a class of fifteen at graduation, Rev. Bela Fancher of Homer, Mich., and Samuel Adams Kirby, whose address is unknown, are the only surviving members. Although he had passed the eightieth mile stone, he retained his activity of mind and body until the last. His brother, Isaac, nearly ninety years old, still survives him.

'39. Rev. Joseph Addison Ranney.

REV. J. A. RANNEY, D. D., of Kalamazoo, Mich., a minister venerated throughout the Synods of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, passed to his reward Sabbath, Dec. 6.

He was born at Westminster West, Feb. 15, 1817, of eminently Godly ancestry. He was converted when eight years old, uniting with the Congregational church when fourteen. Soon came to himself and brother, Timothy, a like call to leave the farm for the ministry, and both were graduated from Middlebury College in 1839, and his brother became a missionary to the Cherokee Indians. To avoid the rigors of the Vermont climate he taught school in Mississippi, and in 1842 was ordained by Clinton Presbytery. He preached in Mississippi in unchinked log churches with backless puncheon seats. In June, 1843, he removed to Illinois, ministering in turn to the churches of Parlinville, Monticello and Belleville until 1854; then five years pastor at Allegan, Mich, and thirteen years at Three Rivers, Mich. After this he labored one year to raise funds for the Michigan Female Seminary at Kalamazoo. This accomplished he became pastor at Delphi, Ind., for five years, and removed thence to Kalamazoo, where the last thirteen years of his life were spent.

In his thirty-six years of pastoral service he had preached 3,304 times in sixteen States and on shipboard; had received 469 on profession and 309 by letter; baptised 154 adults and 127 infants. The fruits of such a spiritual ministry, in pulpit, home, prayer circle, Sunday school, and conspicuously in the fostering of Christian education and in the care of the churches, as a good presbyter, only the final day can sum up. He will be missed from the church which enjoyed his ripe counsels; from the presbytery of which he was long the stated clerk and central figure; from the Michigan Seminary, borne on his inmost heart, and among friends and parishioners widely scattered, who revered the dignity, urbanity, sympathy and abiding faith of his character. In the

deepest waves of trial, when beloved ones were torn from him by railway disaster and by Conemaugh flood, his faith remained submissive, patient, serene. Such a life lives on, evermore, in its earthly influence as well as in its heavenly blessedness.

His devoted wife, two sons in Kansas, and a daughter in Delphi, Ind., remain to mourn his loss and emlate his virtues.

'42. Rev. Osborn Myrick

DIED at his home on South Main street, Rutland, Friday morning, Jan. 15, 1892, at 9:30 o'clock, after a very brief illness. Rev. Mr. Myrick attended church on Sunday and was out on the streets Tuesday morning, but in the evening was taken sick, and from that time failed rapidly until his death. He had more than lived the time allotted to man, being seventy-three years old, and for many years had been in feeble health. He was born in Massachusetts and graduated from Middlebury College in the class of '42, of which Dr. Charles L. Allen was a member. From 1846 to 1866 he was pastor of the Congregational church at Provincetown, Mass. Later he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Middletown Springs, and with the exception of one year spent at Olean, N. Y., he remained there until his resignation a year ago, when he went to Rutland to live. Was much thought of in the town and many inducements were offered him to remain, but on account of failing health he deemed it best to give up his ministerial work. He leaves a widow with whom he had lived for forty-six years and a niece, Miss Jennie Collins, to mourn his death. The funeral was held in Rutland, Sunday, Jan. 17, at his residence. His remains were taken to Provincetown for interment, where his three children lie.

'62. Rev. Elbridge Gerry

DIED at his home in West Randolph, Vt., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1891. Mr. Gerry was born at Braintree, coming to West Randolph when he was 16 years old. We clip the following from the West Randolph *Herald and News*, of which he was for a long time editor:

"He attended school at the West Randolph academy, and was soon recognized as one of its most promising students. During school vacations he was employed in the printing office, then owned by Mr. William Hutchinson, who published the *Green Mountain Herald*. He was devoted to reading, of the best class, and soon developed literary ability of unusual merit and became prominent in the school debating society. In 1858 he entered Middlebury College, from which he graduated in 1862 with acknowledged credit, having, from his own choice, by constant industry, maintained himself and paid his expenses throughout his college course. After a year of school teaching and farm work, of which he was always fond, he determined to enter the ministry, and for this purpose he spent three years of diligent study in the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., graduating therefrom in 1866. The subsequent two years he was pastor of the Congregational church at Sterling, Mass. He then returned to West Randolph, and in September, 1868, married Miss Lucia Church of that place, and immediately afterwards, having received an appointment by the Home Missionary Society of the Congregational church, he and his wife went to Oregon, where he spent four years as pastor of the church of that society in Oregon City. He remained in Oregon until the fall of 1872, performing while there a most acceptable service. He then returned to Vermont and accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church at Bethel, where he remained about nine years, until the spring of 1882, when he returned to the same church in Oregon City of which he had formerly been pastor for four years. His wife and daughter did not accompany him, and at the end of a year's engagement he returned to Vermont. During the following year he preached in Brookfield, Bethel and Braintree at various times, and spent much of hls time in literary work. In the spring of 1884 he bought the Dr. Alonzo Smith tarm near West Randolph village, and from that time until very near the time of his death, he spent most of his Sabbaths in preaching, chiefly in Rochester and Braintree, and his week days in unremitting labor, alternating in work on his farm and in the editing of the *Herald and News*.

"Mr. Gerry's personal characteristics were those of sterling honesty and extreme industry. The full performance of his own duties, coupled with a sensitive and reserved disposition, led him to have the appearance of desiring everybody to attend as scrupulously to their own business as he did to his. He felt a genuine interest in the welfare of the church, the State and the community in which he lived, but this was

not often manifested towards individuals, and his social qualities were only disclosed to a few of his most intimate friends. Perhaps as correct a view of him as can be presented in so few words may be found in the following letter which was addressed by him to the members of his class at Andover Seminary at their their twenty-fifth annual reunion in June last:

"'My life has been one of almost incessant toil. I have known nothing of vacations or holidays, haye never been laid aside by sickness. Have written seven hundred and sixty sermons in full, have attended one hundred and seventeen funerals and married eighty-seven couples, and have written from two to four columns per week for the papers for nearly eighteen years. I have a fine library of about two thousand volumes which has run the gauntlet of fire and flood, and is as good as new. I have found a great deal of happiness in life, have enjoyed my work of all kinds, have met with some disappointments, have laid aside money enough to furnish sufficient income for daily needs, have lost about as much more through rascality and dishonesty, but have tried to look at the bright side and keep at work.'

"Mr. Gerry had long entertained the view that the welfare of the living would be promoted by the burning in proper manner of the bodies of the dead; and when informed that death was near, he exacted the assurance that such disposition should be made of his body. His request was complied with at the crematory near Brooklyn, N. Y."

The most popular educational institution in America is the University of Michigan. Yale ranks second, Harvard third and Princeton fourth. True worth, not antiquity of foundation, seems the criterion of colleges as well as everything else.

The plan of instruction for the new Chicago University will be very unique. There will be no vacation, and the year will be divided into four terms, of twelve weeks each. A lower college will consist of the freshmen and sophomore classes, and a higher college of the senior and junior classes.

A student in the University of Illinois was suspended shortly before his class was to graduate, because he habitually "cut" chapel without presenting any excuse. The Supreme court was asked to grant a writ of *mandamus* compelling the university to reinstate and graduate him. The court refuses the petition; but sets fourth in its opinion, while upholding the faculty and trustees in this case, that since no person can be obliged to attend or support any religious service against his will, any one desiring it should be excused for reasonable cause from observing the rule.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

Stanton Eddy, '94, has been ill with the grip.

Our janitor, Mr. Bolton, is able to resume work.

Hesselgrave, '93, spent the vacation in Ludlow.

Brown, '93, and Miner, '93, spent the vacation in town.

LaFleur clerked in Marshall's variety store during the holidays.

Miss Hawley, '95, has left college and is now teaching in Charlotte.

Sargent, '94, recently spent a few days with Stickney, formerly of '94.

Miss Bertha Brainerd spent the holidays in Washington visiting friends.

President Brainerd was in Boston and New York a part of the vacation.

Thomas, '93, and McDonald, '92, spent the Christmas vacation in Boston.

The U. V. M. Glee and Banjo Clubs gave a concert in the town hall on the 19th.

Profs. Howard and Janes and Principal Bullock were in Boston during the holidays.

New seats have been placed in the Senior room and the old ones put in the rhetorical room and laboratory.

The Glee Club did not sing at Granville, N. Y., as diphtheria is raging there, and the health officers forbid public gatherings.

Many of the students and young ladies of the village enjoyed a sleigh-ride on the evening of the 16th to the home of Miss Elizabeth Smith, Salisbury.

Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Scott were at Mr. G. C. Chapman's for the vacation. From there they went to Concord, N. H., where they will begin housekeeping.

Prof. Boyce has finished the survey for the map of the burned district and also that for the map of the water works mains and they willl be completed for the use of the trustees.

The Junior class gave a successful dance at the town hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at which nearly one hundred people were present. The Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington furnished the music.

Hesselgrave preached in Ludlow Jan. 3.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

The Sophomores are now studying mechanics.

Wright, '95, is out of college, ill with the grippe.

College opened the 7th after a vacation of two weeks.

Many of the boys are doing regular training in the gymnasium.

The Glee club had their pictures taken recently by Artist Jackson.

Miss Dorsey, '93, has been chosen organist for the Baptist church.

W. J. Douglas, '93, spent a few days in Bristol during the vacation.

Jackson took some photographs of the campus in its garb of crystals.

Another piano has been placed in Starr Hall. C. E. Hesselgrave is the owner.

Sawyer, '94, recently had an opportunity to take in the sights of Rutland.

The Sophomore Shakespearean club held its first meeting of the term Jan. 14.

Leonard, '95, lectured at East Middlebury on the 12th; subject, "Temperance."

The college has been presented with a tower clock by Mr. Charles Westall of this town.

Mrs. E. B. Clift, '87, has gone to Oakfield, N. Y., where her husband is teaching.

Hasseltine, '93, furnished music for a New York party at Bread Loaf Inn during Christmas.

Smith, '95, who has been rooming at Mrs. Sheldon's, is now rooming in No. 2, Starr Hall.

Miss Ada Brainerd, who teaches in Worcester, Mass., spent a few days the first of the month with President Brainerd.

Megathlin, '93, who was out of college a greater part of the fall term, returned at the opening of the winter term.

Williamson, '95, taught a few days in the Graded school at the opening of the term in the absence of Miss Waugh.

The text-book in Political Economy this year is by Francis A. Walker, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The water works, which have occupied the minds of the citizens of Middlebury, are in operation and are pronounced a decided success.

The papers of the reading room still continue to be clipped and stolen in spite of the efforts of the committee to keep the files complete.

The young ladies of the town gave a leap-year dance at the School-house hall on the evening of the 14th. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Nearly all the members of the Senior and Junior classes are attending the lectures on Political Science given twice a week by Prof. Howard.

Many of the students attended, regularly, the meetings of the Salvation Army, which have been held for the past two weeks in the basement of the town hall.

Rev. Dr. Webber and Myers, prison reformer, attended chapel Tuesday morning, Jan. 12. Mr. Myers gave a lecture at the Congregational church on the subject of "Prisons."

It is surprising to see how few professors attend chapel exercises. Only one attended the 9th—Prof. Janes. If it continues in the same ratio, before long we will have to call on the president of the athletic association.

At a meeting of the boarding club the officers of the fall term were re-elected for the ensuing term, and a motion was adopted that the members of the club should notify the treasurer of their absence from the hall for one half week or more or they would get no reduction from their board bill.

Prof. Howard has been appointed United States Consul at Cardiff, Wales, and will enter upon the duties of his office in about a month. We are sorry to lose such an efficient professor, but we may congratulate him on his appointment. Cardiff is an important commercial port and within easy reach of the largest cities of England.

We have just learned that the college has succeeded in obtaining a man to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Howard, alluded to in another column. This man, who is to be in the future our professor of Political Science and International Law, is Carl C. Plehn of Providence, R. I., a graduate of Brown University in the class of '89. Mr. Plehn went abroad immediately upon his graduation and has just returned, having taken the degree of Ph. D. at Gottingen University. His studies in Germany

were on Political Economy and Political Science, and he should be well fitted for his new position.

It is gratifying to note the success which our College Glee Club is having. They have been well received wherever they have gone and the papers speak of them in the highest terms. The singing of the quartette is especially well received, and they can easily make good their claim of being the best male quartette in the State. The club expects to give concerts once or twice a week during the present term and make an extensive tour during the spring vaca tion. The manager is now making arrangements for concerts at Rutland, Port Henry, Ticonderoga and Crown Point, besides several neighboring towns. We wish them every success possible, as they are a credit and an honor to the institution.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'15. The New York *Sun* of Dec. 18 contains an article describing the old home of the late Gov. Silas Wright.

'31. Ephraim H. Farrar died at Malone, N. Y., last August. His obituary appears in another column.

'37. A further account of the death of Rev. Joseph A. Ranney will be found in another column.

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps resumed his duties as professor at Yale College Jan. 1.

'42. Hon. T. C. Smith, ex-consul at Odessa, has gone to New York. From there he will go through the West on an extensive business tour.

'42. Rev. Osborn Myrick died Jan. 15, at his home in Rutland.

'43. At a reception tendered Judge J. C. Churchill Dec. 30, the following resolutions were presented, which we clip from the Oswego (N. Y.) *Daily Times* of Dec. 31:

Whereas, John C. Churchil, for forty years a member of the bar of Oswego county, for three years its district attorney, for four years its county judge, for four years its member of congress, and for ten years a justice of the Supreme court of New York in the fifth judicial district, retires from the bench on the 31st day of December, 1891, and concludes a judicial service to the people of the State most honorable to himself and his profession, and

Whereas, the members of the bar of Oswego county and of all the counties in the district where he served, and its judiciary, desire to witness and record their appreciation of his exemplary career as a citizen, a lawyer and a judge: be it

Resolved, as the sentiment and expression of the bar and the judiciary, that Justice Churchill retires from the bench possessing the profound respect and esteem of all who knew him:

That he has discharged his many public offices with fidelity, zeal, learning, talent and honor, with great profit to the public and with large credit to himself:

Resolved, That as a lawyer he has maintained a high standard for his profession; that he has been solicitous for his client and for the public welfare:

That as a justice of the Supreme court, entrusted with most precious and delicate interests, the possessions of the rich and the poor, the liberties and rights of the weak and strong, the affairs of State, he has discharged the duties of this high calling with remarkable skill, with unquestioned impartiality, with unstinted effort, with fulness of learning and with the purest purpose:

That to the bar he has been unvaryingly courteous, patient, encouraging, firm and just; to his brethren of the bench he has borne and assisted to bear, the burden of judicial responsibility and toil with cheerfulness and energy:

Resolved, That the departure of Justice Churchill from the bench in obedience to a rule that unhappily cannot discriminate, in the prime of his vigor and in the ripeness of his judgment, is an occasion for unfeigned regret in this locality and throughout the State; that he takes with him to private life the assurance of the bar and bench that his professional and judicial part has been honestly, ably and gracefully performed, and their good wishes and prophecy for a long and happy life, useful in the future as in the past:

Resolved. That a committee of the bar be appointed to cause a copy of these resolutions to be suitably engrossed and presented to Justice Churchill, and a copy thereof to be presented at the next term of the Supreme court with the request that they be spread upon the records of that court.

'46. Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart attended the Supreme Court held at Burlington.

'48. Rev. J. E. Rankin has a literary article in a recent number of *Our Day*.

'57. E. G. Hunt was at the college Jan. 16.

'57. Hon. L. D. Eldredge has been confined to his house several weeks by illness.

'60. In a letter to the *Independent* of Jan. 10 Hon. E. B. Sherman says: "I am fully in accord with the spirit of the Sixteenth Amendment to the National Constitution, and, after careful scrutiny, I am unable to suggest, as at first I thought I might, any change in the form thereof which seems necessary or desirable. I am not an alarmist; but I share the conviction so general among the intelligent and thoughtful men of the nation that our institutions will not be wholly free from peril until these important questions have been finally settled. Prudence, sagacity and wise forethought seem to demand that every State be freed from the danger of ecclesiastical domi-

nation, and this can best be done in the manner proposed."

'62. Col. A. F. Walker was in town and vicinity recently.

'66. J. W. Lovett was married Jan. 3 to Mrs. Lucie Harris at Chatham Center, N. Y. He will make his home there for the present.

'65. A portion of F. G. Swinington's law office was burned in the fire in the *Herald* building.

'69. The December *Education* contains "Is the Public Demanding Impossibilities?" by Prof. Henry S. Baker.

'74. Rev. C. C. Gove was advanced from the Deaconship to the Priesthood of the Episcopal church by Bishop Coxe at St. Michael's church, Oakfield, N. Y., Dec. 21. The *Oakfield Reporter* of Dec. 24 says in closing in regard to the ceremony: "The festival of St. Thomas, on which it occurred, will long be remembered as a day of great rejoicing among the people of St. Michael's parish, for it will mark one of the most important events in the history of this church, which now has a rector in full orders."

'79. Hon. Joseph Battell has gone to Washington on business and will remain there for some time.

'83. C. B. F. Palmer and wife were in town and vicinity during the holidays. He is private secretary for Col. A. F. Walker of Chicago.

'83. Prof. and Mrs. Samuel Sheldon passed the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. B. Sheldon.

'83. Rev. Claude M. Severance, missionary to Japan, has a letter in the *Manchester Journal* of Jan. 7, describing his experience during severe earthquakes in that country last October.

'84. G. E. Lathrop is now at Fort Payne, Ala., cashier of the First National bank there.

'84. Rev. Robert Barton was married in Burlington on Wednesday, Nov. 25, to Miss Mattie Holden, formerly of Middlebury and vicinity. She has been teaching for some time in different localities, where she has gained the reputation of a fine teacher. On Friday evening, Dec. 11, a reception was given, at Walter Bushe's, to Mr. and Mrs. Barton. Seven different towns were represented and a large number of friends were present to extend their congratulations to the happy couple. With singing, social chatting and a bountiful supply of refreshments for all a very pleasant evening was passed. All expressed their pleasure at being present and wished the pastor and his wife a long life of successful service. The presents, which were quite extensive and very useful, together with the large number present, speak louder than words the love and esteem in which Mr. Barton is held in the community where he labors.

'86. Prof. and Mrs. Charles Billings were in town and vicinity during the holidays.

'88. George Knapp is editor and manager of the *Fuget Sound Weekly Mail*, published at LaConner, Washington.

'90. W. H. Button has been appointed by the Governor a justice of the peace.

'90. A. B. Pease and H. E. Owen were in town recently. The former is in a law school in Chicago and the latter is studying in a law office at Port Henry, N. Y.

'90. John Thomas preached at the Congregational church in New Haven, Jan. 3.

'90. H. M. Goddard of Yale Theological Seminary spent the vacation at his home in Ludlow.

'90. E. B. Clift, assistant in the seminary and a lay reader most acceptable to the congregation of St. Michael's church at Oakfield, N. Y., made and presented a handsome black walnut and brass altar-desk, which was used for the first time at the services on St. Thomas' day.

'91. Prof. Carl A. Mead of Burr and Burton Seminary spent the holidays in town with his mother and sister.

'91. Miss G. M. Seely of Vassar College was home during the holidays.

'91. D. G. Reilly, who has been in the employ of an insurance company at Fitchburgh, Mass., since graduation, has entered the U. V. M. Medical College.

'91. Frank D. Boynton, principal of Webster Academy, Webster, N. Y., has been elected secretary of the Teachers' Association of Monroe county.

'92. We clip the following: "Capt. George H. Kelton of the Harvard University crew was a student at Middlebury College in 1888. He entered a month behind his class and left before the end of the year and took the prize in speaking at the annual prize speaking contest. He is a farmer's son of Hubbardston, Mass., and has had to work his way in college. At present Capt. Kelton is the most prominent student in Harvard College and the most talked about. He has already had two years' experience in the 'Varsity crew and he says regarding the Yale and Harvard

race of 1892: 'We shall win.' Capt. Kelton is six feet tall and when in rowing trim weighs 192 pounds."

'93. Miss Jessie L. Eddy of Smith College spent the holidays in town.

Our Farrago.

Prof.—"Do everything on time. That has been my maxim and I find it a good one." Student—"That may work for a while, but some day you'll have to adopt the cash system."

She—"I hear that Mr. Sheffield Hall has written such a fine thesis that it will soon be out in print." Lopher, '91, S.—"Oh, that's nothing; my thesis was out in print before I wrote it."—*Yale Record.*

She, '95.—Will I pass without taking an examination?" Prof.—"You may, by a tight squeeze." She—"Oh, how provoking you are; but I'd even submit to that to avoid examination."—*Lombard Exponent.*

Prof. S. (to Mr. B. entering the book store loaded down with books)—"How will you get these books to your room? You will have to get a horse and wagon." Mr. B.—"No, I will get some ponies.—*Ex.*

The college phrase "not in it" is not new, as many would suppose, but it was used by Euripides more than two thousand years ago in his Meleager, when he says, "cowards do not count in battle, they are there, but not in it.—*Vidette Reporter.*

A skeleton was recently unearthed in the West holding a one-cent piece clenched in one hand. The story now goes round that it was probably the remains of some college editor, who was endeavoring to take his assets along "where moth and rust doth not corrupt."—*Ex.*

From the Oberlin *Review* we clip the following: "1. Jackus et Jilla ascendant colem ut aquam obtinerent; Jacus decadit et caput frangit et Jilla cadens sequebatur. 2. Illa est mea Annie, Ego ejus Jo sum, Illa est mea amor, Ego ejus amor sum, mox connubiemus ut numquam dividamus. Enim parva Annie Rooney est mea amor."

In the library—Freshman: "Where can I find any thing about the devil, or his place of abode?" Studious Senior (busy): "Go to—" Assembled Multitude: "Oh-h-h." S. S.: "The poetry shelf and—" A. M.: "Ah-h-h." S. S. (triumphantly): "Look for Dante's Inferno." F.: "Inferno?" S. S.: "Yes, Inferno." F. (lighting up): "Oh, hell!" Exeunt S. S., A. M.; and F. is paralyzed.—*Ex.*

"Hos sed Mare Heres ago
Fortibus es in aro
Nos sed Bila Thebe trux
Vatis enim? Pes et dux."

Translated:

"Ho!" said Mary, "here's a go!
Forty busses in a row."
"No," said Billy,
"They be trucks."
"What is in 'em?"
"Peas and ducks." —*Ex.*

Exchanges.

We have received a very fine little sheet, the *Cony Student*, from Augusta, Me. It is welcome.

The *Academic*, from St. Albans High School, comes to us a bright and cheery publication. "Journalism" is the title of a very good article.

The *Progress*, from Vergennes High School, is a very handsome and artistic sheet, containing several articles worthy of much praise to the editors.

Several of our many exchanges come to us in holiday attire. We are pleased to note among these the *Tuftonian* and *Owl*, which outdo themselves in quality and appearance.

We are glad to welcome among our exchanges the *Sequoia*, published by the students of Leland Stanford, Jr., University. In the same Prof. A. G. Newcomer contributes an article on "Mind or Muscle," and Prof. Joseph Swain an article on "Maria Mitchell," which are very readable and excellent.

From our exchanges we clip the following, not because of poetical or artistic taste, but as evidence of what the present poetical status of college poetry is, and to express a hope to the average college poet that he improve:

A PROPOS(AL).

The maiden blushed and hung her head
"What do you take me for?" she said.
The young man spoke up eagerly,
"For better or worse," said he. —*The Palladium.*

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

"How doth the busy little bee
Improve each shining hour?
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower?"

It's largely done by industry,
By hustling around the earth;
And working everything that's green
For all the thing is worth. —*Brunonian.*

Communication.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

Several times within the last few years there has been much talk among the students concerning the desirability of forming a debating society; many have felt that it would be a good thing, and communications have appeared regarding it, but with no apparent effect; to such students as are interested in this matter at the present time I now desire to communicate, hoping that they will not only continue to recognize the benefits to be derived by us from such an organization, both personally and collectively, but that they will go ahead and form it, in order that these advantages may be actually realized.

I believe that one of the chief reasons why the hopes for such an organization have never materialized is because of the existence of a doubt as to where whatever offices it might create would rest; with a rotative system by which the different members of the two upper classes will hold the offices of chairman, secretary, critic and advisory committee from week to week, I believe that this difficulty would be obviated and no dissatisfaction engendered.

I need not here expatiate on the advantages to be derived from the existence of a good live debating society, for we all know something of the advantage that would inevitably be derived by us from a weekly investigation of matters of interest, and the greater ease and clearness of expression we would derive from such exercises. I believe our meetings would be entertaining, amusing and instructive and would come to be looked forward to with pleasure; and it is doubtful if we have one hour of the week that would be more profitably spent than in fostering and supporting such an organization.

We have the sympathies and good wishes of the faculty in this matter; they are willing to help and encourage us in every way possible; there is not a room in the college buildings that they will not heat and light for us for such purposes at such a time as we may designate; the only thing that needs to be done at present is to go ahead and organize. Will we or will we not?

EDGAR R. BROWN.

One of the things peculiar to Oberlin is the opening of each recitation with prayer or song.

College Notes.

Hamilton has adopted the plan of having Monday as a holiday instead of Saturday.

A movement is on foot to endow a Cornell pew in the new American church at Berlin.

Williams, Dartmouth and Columbia have dispensed with commencement exercises.—*Ex.*

The Leland Stanford, Jr., University has now 461 students, of which number 19 are foreigners.

At Vassar the new students meet once a week with Prof. Lucy Salmon to discuss current events.

At Williams, the class of 1826 graduated twenty-eight men, twenty-three of whom became ministers of the gospel.

Three-fourths of the national colleges founded in the last twenty years are south of the Mason and Dixon line.—*Ex.*

The oldest student in Harvard is in the Graduate School. He is seventy-seven years old, and graduated from Yale in 1834.—*Ex.*

The press and a large majority of the best citizens of that place support the movement to open the doors of Rochester University to women.

The University of Toronto has fully recovered the loss sustained by the fire of 1890. New buildings have been erected with many valuable improvements.

Rutgers Female college has entered upon its 53d year. Last year three women, nominated by the alumni, were elected as trustees; Dr. Jennie Lozier, president of Sorosis, being one.

Mrs. Hearst, widow of United States Senator Hearst, has given the University of California five scholarships for young women. Each scholarship will yield $300 yearly income.—*Ex.*

President Dwight of Yale, while not favoring the admission of women to study in the classes with men, does wish Yale had a woman's annex; and the only objection he finds to its establishment is that the university has not the money to put into it.

Brown will soon have what may be called a classical laboratory—a private study in Sayles Hall handsomely fitted up with lexicons and reliable texts for the use of students desiring to pursue advanced courses in the classics.

The *Young Men's Era* publishes a list of the Col-

lege Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada, showing a total of 378, fifteen of which are situated in Canada. Twenty-four associations are composed entirely of Indians and negroes. Ten employ general secretaries.

The time has come for the editor to pour the yearly vials of wrath on the managers of the oration factory, whose circulars have been sent to the members of the Senior class. We shall simply refer the reader to the volumes of the *Review* in the library, Nos. I. to XIX. If the fiery invectives of our predecessors have been of no effect, we give up in despair.—*Ex.*

The University of Chicago has recently purchased a library of 280,000 volumes and 120,000 dissertations in all languages, including 200 manuscripts. The books were bought in Berlin and are expected to arrive next March or April. The catalogue price is between $600,000 and $700,000, and though the price paid is not made public, it was probably not far from $300,000.

The faculty of Wellesley, on account of an editorial in the *Prelude* regarded by them as objectionable, not only compelled the editors to send back the edition to the printers to have the article cancelled, but also decreed that hereafter nothing shall be published that has not received the approval of the president of the college. Much indignation is manifested throughout the college world.

At Andover and many other places French or German tables, so-called, can be found at many of the student boarding clubs. It is the custom of those sitting at these tables to conduct their conversations, at certain or all meals of the day, in one of these languages. This is, manifestly, an excellent means of becoming familiar with conversation in these modern languages, and still another proof that the class-room is not the only agency for bettering the education. —*Ex.*

The Yale Debating Union has challenged the Harvard Debating Union to a joint debate. The latter has accepted. The two contestants from each university will meet at Cambridge in January and debate this question: "*Resolved*, That a young man casting his first vote in 1892 should vote the Republican ticket." Harvard will take the affirmative, and no decisions as to the merits of the debate will be made. There will also be another debate in New Haven during the winter.--*Ex.*

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